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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Tuesday, 5 December 1995

SECURITY COUNCIL

consultations of the whole

10.30 a.m. (closed) Consultation Room

Briefing by Ambassador Ekeus, Executive Chairman of the Special Commission established by the Secretary-General pursuant to paragraph 9 (b) (i) of Security Council resolution 687 (1991)

Western Sahara (S/1995/986)

Rwanda (S/1995/1002)

Other matters

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fiftieth session

10 a.m. 80th PLENARY MEETING

3 p.m. 81st PLENARY MEETING

General Assembly Hall

1. Law of the Sea [39]:

   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/50/713);

   (b) Draft resolution (A/50/L.34).

2. Sustainable use and conservation of the marine living resources of the high seas [96 (c)]:

   (a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/50/549, A/50/550, A/50/553);

   (b) Note by the Secretary-General (A/50/552);

   (c) Draft resolutions (A/50/L.35, A/50/L.36).

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

Informal consultations

10 a.m.-11.30 a.m. closed meeting Conference Room 7

1. Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [95]

   Draft proposal A/C.2/50/L.40

   (a) Trade and development

   Draft proposals A/C.2/50/L.17 and L.19

   (d) Science and technology for development

   Draft proposals A/C.2/50/L.25 and L.38

   (e) Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s

   Draft proposal A/C.2/50/L.31

   (f) Women in development

   Draft proposal A/C.2/50/L.46

   (g) Human resources development

   Draft proposal A/C.2/50/L.34

   (h) Business and development

   Draft proposal A/C.2/50/L.41

   (i) International cooperation for the eradication of poverty in developing countries

   Draft proposal A/C.2/50/L.39

   (j) United Nations initiative on opportunity and participation

   Draft proposal A/C.2/50/L.36

2. Renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership [100]

   Draft proposal A/C.2/50/L.11

3. Environment and sustainable development [96]

   Draft proposal A/C.2/50/L.28

   (a) Implementation of decisions and recommendations of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development

   Draft proposal A/C.2/50/L.23

   (f) International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction

   Draft proposal A/C.2/50/L.35

11.30 a.m.-1 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 7

1. Training and research: United Nations Institute for Training and Research [98]

   Draft proposal A/C.2/50/L.43

2. Macroeconomic policy questions: financing for development [94 (a)]

   Draft proposal A/C.2/50/L.15

3. Report of the Economic and Social Council [12]

   Draft proposal A/C.2/50/L.14

SECOND COMMITTEE

3 p.m. 41st meeting Conference Room 3

1. Macroeconomic policy questions [94]

   (a) Financing of development

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/50/L.6 and L.56

2. Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [95]

   (a) Trade and development

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/50/L.18, L.20 and L.50

   (b) Human settlements

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/50/L.30 and L.53

(c) United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II)

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/50/L.27 and L.57 (Programme budget implications in A/C.2/50/L.44)

(k) Food and sustainable agricultural development

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/50/L.21 and L.51

3. Environment and sustainable development [96]

(a) Implementation of decisions and recommendations of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/50/L.22 and L.54

(b) Desertification and drought

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/50/L.29 and L.52

(d) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind

Action on draft resolution A/C.2/50/L.33 (Programme budget implications in A/C.2/50/L.49)

(f) International decade for Natural Disaster Reduction

Action on draft resolution A/C.2/50/L.5

4. Operational activities for development [97]

(b) Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/50/L.24 and L.48

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	50th meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Implementation of human rights instruments [112 (a)] (A/50/40, A/50/44, A/50/75-E/1995/10, A/50/78-E/1995/11, A/50/93-E/1995/16, A/50/122-E/1995/18, A/50/160, A/50/164, A/50/469, A/50/472, A/50/505, A/50/512, A/50/755)

2. Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [112 (b)] (A/50/57, A/50/80, A/50/173, A/50/188, A/50/343, A/50/440, A/50/446, A/50/452, A/50/495, A/50/514, A/50/566, A/50/653, A/50/678, A/50/681 and Add.1, A/50/682, A/50/685, A/50/698, A/50/714, A/50/729, A/50/736, A/50/765-S/1995/967; A/C.3/50/5, A/C.3/50/6)

3. Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [112 (c)] (A/50/57, A/50/61-S/1995/16, A/50/69-S/1995/79, A/50/71-S/1995/80, A/50/81, A/50/92-E/1995/15, A/50/96, A/50/178, A/50/183, A/50/207, A/50/220, A/50/268-S/1995/531, A/50/269-S/1995/536, A/50/281, A/50/285-S/1995/573, A/50/287-S/1995/575, A/50/296-S/1995/597, A/50/302-S/1995/594, A/50/329, A/50/354-S/1995/696, A/50/358-S/1995/712, A/50/441-S/1995/801, A/50/471, A/50/558, A/50/567, A/50/568, A/50/569, A/50/661, A/50/662, A/50/663, A/50/709-S/1995/915, A/50/727-S/1995/993, A/50/734, A/50/767, A/50/782; A/C.3/50/9)

4. Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action [112 (d)] (A/50/36)

5. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [112 (e)] (A/50/36, A/50/743)

Conclusion of general discussion

6. Advancement of women [107]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.3/50/L.24, L.25/Rev.1 and L.26

7. Promotion and protection of the rights of children [110]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.3/50/L.28 and L.31/Rev.1

8. Programme of activities for the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People [111]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.3/50/L.29 and L.30

FIFTH COMMITTEE

Informal consultations

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 120 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (A/50/11 and A/49/897))

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PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED NATIONS

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	34th meeting	Conference Room 4

Documents A/AC.240/1995/L.13/Rev.1 and L.14

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Conditions of service and compensation for officials other than Secretariat: members of the International Court of Justice (ICJ)

2. Revised estimates under Section 5: extension of the premises of the International Court of Justice (ICJ)

3. Revised estimates: effect of changes in rates of exchange and inflation

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Informal consultations

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations on a proposed substantive theme to be considered during the special session of the Commission for Social Development in 1996

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Tuesday, 5 December 1995

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

9 a.m.-10 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room B
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT
(on draft resolution under agenda item 46 (Assistance in mine clearance))

9.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room A

AFRICAN GROUP: DRAFTING COMMITTEE

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

GROUP OF 77
(on Third Committee matters: implementation and follow-up to the Beijing Conference, World Summit for Social Development and other matters)

1.15 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room B

GROUP OF 77
(on Second Committee draft resolutions)

6 p.m.-7 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room D

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SPECIAL COMMEMORATIVE MEETING IN MEMORY OF HIS EXCELLENCY MR. YITZHAK RABIN, LATE PRIME MINISTER OF ISRAEL

A special commemorative meeting in memory of His Excellency Mr. Yitzhak Rabin will be held *today*, 5 December 1995, in the General Assembly Hall, approximately at 12.15 p.m., after the morning meeting of the General Assembly is adjourned. The President of the General Assembly will chair the meeting.

All delegations are invited to attend.

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Briefing

The Office of the Special Coordinator for Africa and the Least Developed Countries of the Department for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development will hold a briefing meeting for interested delegations on the report of the Secretary-General on financial intermediation systems and practices in Africa *today*, 5 December 1995, at 3.30 p.m. in Conference Room A.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Wednesday, 6 December 1995

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fiftieth session

10 a.m. **82nd PLENARY MEETING** **General Assembly Hall**

1. Effects of atomic radiation: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/50/603) [82].

2. International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/50/604) [83].

3. United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/50/605) [84].

4. Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/50/606) [85].

5. Comprehensive review of the whole question of peace-keeping operations in all their aspects: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/50/607) [86].

6. Questions relating to information: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/50/608) [87].

7. Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 e of the Charter of the United Nations: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/50/609) [88].

8. Activities of foreign economic and other interests which impede the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples in Territories under colonial domination; implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/50/610) [89 and 18].

9. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations; report of the Economic and Social Council: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/50/611) [90 and 12].

10. Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/50/612) [91].

11. The situation in the occupied territories of Croatia: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/50/613) [92].

12. Question of the composition of the relevant organs of the United Nations: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/50/614) [93].

13. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/50/602) [18].

14. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples [18]:

(a) Report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples (A/50/23 (Parts I-VI), A/AC.109/2012, 2013 and Corr.1 and Add.1, 2014, 2015 and Add.1, 2016 and Add.1, 2017 and Add.1, 2018, 2019 and Add.1, 2020 and Add.1, 2021-2023, 2025, 2028, 2029 and Add.1);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General (A/50/504);

(c) Draft resolutions (A/50/L.45, A/50/23, Part II, Chapter III, para.9).

15. University for Peace: draft resolution (A/50/L.42) [21].

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

Informal consultations

10 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Room to be determined

THIRD COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	51st meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

Informal consultations

10 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5
Afternoon*	closed meeting	
6.30 p.m.	closed meeting	

FIFTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	37th meeting	Conference Room 3

* Following the adjournment of the 37th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m. closed meeting
Conference Room 10
3 p.m. closed meeting

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 23 (Restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields) will begin on Monday, 11 December 1995, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 2. The first meeting will deal with organizational matters.

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The 219th meeting of the COMMITTEE ON THE EXERCISE OF THE INALIENABLE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE will be held on Thursday, 7 December 1995, at 10.30 a.m. in Conference Room 7.

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The DISARMAMENT COMMISSION will hold open-ended informal consultations on all matters related to its 1995 organizational session on Thursday, 7 December 1995, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room E.

The DISARMAMENT COMMISSION will hold its 1995 organizational session on Monday, 11 December 1995, at 10.30 a.m. in Conference Room 4. All Member States are invited to attend.

Regional groups are urged to expedite their nomination of candidates to the Bureau of the Commission at its 1996 session.

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REVIEW CONFERENCE OF THE STATES PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION ON CERTAIN CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS

(Geneva, 15 to 19 January and 22 April to 3 May 1996)

The States Parties to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons which May Be Deemed to Bed Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate effects (CCW) decided by consensus at the 8th meeting of the Review Conference, held on 13 October 1995, that the Conference will continue its work at resumed sessions to be held at the Palais des Nations in Geneva, from 15 to 19 January 1996 and from 22 April to 3 May 1996.

Participants and observers

All States are invited to participate in the resumed sessions of the Conference. The representatives of organizations which have been granted observer status in the United Nations; of United Nations organs; of specialized or other related agencies and of other intergovernmental organizations invited to the Conference may participate as observers in the deliberations of the Conference and its subsidiary organs. Non-governmental organizations may designate representatives to attend public meetings of the Conference and its Main Committees.

Credentials

Credentials of representatives of States which have not yet been submitted should be transmitted to the Secretary-General of the Conference, Mr. Sohrab Kheradi (Room S-3170-A, United Nations, New York).

Documents

The agenda and the rules of procedure of the Conference are contained in the final report of the CCW Group of Experts (CCW/CONF.I/1). The interim report on the work of the Review Conference is contained in document CCW/CONF.I/8/Rev.1. The "President's Text" of the Protocol on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Mines, Booby traps and Other Devices (Protocol II) is contained in document CCW/CONF.I/WP.4.

First resumed session

The 15-19 January session of the Review Conference will concentrate on issues pertaining to articles 2 to 6 of Protocol II and on its Technical Annex.

Registration procedures

Registration of participants and observers to the Conference will take place at the Palais des Nations in Geneva. Participants or observers wishing to receive additional information are kindly requested to contact the Centre for Disarmament Affairs (Ms. Cheryl Stoute; tel: (212) 963-6033; fax: (212) 963-1121).

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

There will be a meeting of the resumed substantive session of the ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL on Wednesday, 6 December 1995, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4. The agenda is contained in document E/1995/119.

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Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Fund for Population

The Executive Board of UNDP and UNFPA will hold informal consultations on matters before the first regular session 1996 and in particular, the implementation of the successor programming arrangements (DP/1996/3) on *Tuesday, 12 December 1995*, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8, instead of Wednesday, 6 December. All delegations are invited to attend.

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United Nations Development Programme

The informal consultations of UNDP on the *Human Development Report 1996* will be held on *Monday, 18 December 1995*, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 8, instead of Friday, 8 December 1995. All members of the Programme and other interested delegations are invited to attend.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Special briefing

There will be special briefing for interested members of the Fifth Committee on some of the basic concepts of the salary system for the professional and higher categories of staff in the common system by the Secretariat of the International Civil Service Commission Wednesday, 6 December 1995, following the adjournment of the 37th meeting of the Committee.

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Informal consultations

Consultations among members of the Security Council, troop contributors and the Secretariat on the United Nations Assistance Mission for Rwanda will be held on Wednesday, 6 December 1995, at 3.15 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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Announcement

As from Wednesday, 6 December 1995, and for the rest of the month, there will be an informal briefing by the Presidency of the Security Council on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council every Wednesday and Friday at 3.30 p.m. in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

SUMMARY OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Monday, 4 December 1995

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fiftieth session

78th plenary meeting

Appointment to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments: appointment of members of the Committee on Conferences: note by the Secretary-General (A/50/106) [17 (f)]

The General Assembly took note of the appointment, by the President of the General Assembly, of Kenya and Nepal as members of the Committee on Conferences for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 1996.

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of sub-item (f) of agenda item 17.

Financing of the United Nations Protection Force, the United Nations Confidence Restoration Operation in Croatia, the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force and the United Nations Peace Forces headquarters: report of the Fifth Committee (A/50/796) [128]

The General Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/50/796).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 128.

Financing of the United Nations Mission in Haiti: report of the Fifth Committee (Part II) (A/50/705/Add.1) [133]

The General Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of Part II of its report (A/50/705/Add.1).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 133.

Implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s [24]:

(a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/50/490, A/50/520);

(b) Draft resolution (A/50/L.40)

The General Assembly decided that the list of speakers in the debate on this item would be closed the same day at 12 noon.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Niger, Spain (on behalf of the European Union), Togo, India, the United Republic of Tanzania, Algeria, Mauritania, Kenya, Cameroon, Benin, Zimbabwe and Ethiopia (on behalf of the States members of the Organization of African Unity).

Programme of work

The President drew the attention of the General Assembly to document A/INF/50/Add.3, containing a tentative programme of work and schedule of plenary meetings for the month of December. The President announced that the list of speakers for each of the items listed in document A/INF/50/5/Add.3 was open.

79th plenary meeting

The situation in the Middle East [44]:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/50/574);

(b) Draft resolutions (A/50/L.24, A/50/L.37, A/50/L.38)

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of Lebanon and Iraq.

The Assembly proceeded to a vote on draft resolutions A/50/L.24, A/50/L.37 and A/50/L.38

	Yes	*No*	*Abstentions*
Draft resolution A/50/L.24 (recorded vote) (resolution 50/21)	148	4	1
Draft resolution A/50/L.37 (recorded vote) (resolution 50/22 A)	133	1	13
Draft resolution A/50/L.38 (recorded vote) (resolution 50/22 B)	66	2	79

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of Turkey, Ecuador, France, Canada, the United States, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Spain (on behalf of the European Union), Swaziland, the Syrian Arab Republic, Australia and Argentina.

In accordance with General Assembly resolutions 3237 (XXIX) of 22 November 1974 and 43/177 of 15 December 1988, the observer of Palestine made a statement.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 44.

Implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s [24]:

(a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/50/490, A/50/520);

(b) Draft resolution (A/50/L.40)

Statements were made by the representatives of China, Ghana, Nigeria, Senegal, the Gambia, Japan, Uganda and Tunisia.

The President informed the General Assembly that action on draft resolution A/50/L.40 would be taken at a later date to be announced.

Announcement

The President informed the General Assembly that agenda item 46 (Assistance in mine clearance) originally scheduled for Wednesday, 6 December, in the afternoon, would be considered on Thursday, 14 December, in the morning, as the second item, that is after the consideration of agenda item 105 (Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family).

Committees

THIRD COMMITTEE — 48th meeting

Note: The summary of the 48th meeting of the Third Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1995/237).

FIFTH COMMITTEE — 36th meeting

Organization of work

At the request of the Committee, the Legal Counsel made a statement and provided an opinion as to the legal implications of the statement made by the representative of the United States that the Government of the United States is not able to pay more than 25% of the assessments for any peace-keeping operation.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Netherlands and Japan.

The Chairman made a statement.

The Secretary of the Committee responded to questions posed.

Joint Inspection Unit [118]

The Committee continued its consideration of this item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Japan, Norway, the Russian Federation, the United States and Azerbaijan.

The Chairman of the Joint Inspection Unit made a statement and responded to questions posed.

United Nations Common System [121]

The Committee continued its consideration of this item.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, the Russian Federation, Tunisia, Uganda and Canada.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

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UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON STRADDLING FISH STOCKS AND HIGHLY MIGRATORY FISH STOCKS

Signature ceremony

The Chairman made a statement.

The Legal Counsel made a statement on behalf of the Secretary-General.

The Chairman then declared open for signature the Final Act of the Conference and the Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks adopted on 4 August 1995.

The representatives of the following States and entities signed the Final Act: Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Cuba, Ecuador, European Community, Fiji, Finland, Grenada, Guinea-Bissau, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Marshall Islands, Micronesia (Federated States of), Morocco, Namibia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Niue, Norway, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, Samoa, Senegal, Spain, Tonga, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America and Uruguay.

The representatives of 25 States also signed the Agreement. (The list of all States having signed the Agreement on 4 December 1995 appears in this issue of the *Journal* under Signatures, Ratifications, etc.)

The representative of the United States, the representative of the European Community and the representatives of Ecuador and Peru made statements.

The Conference thus concluded its work.

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Addendum to the summary for the 25th meeting of the SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE) (see *Journal* No. 1995/235, p.10) under: *The situation in the occupied Territories of Croatia* [92] the following text should be added:

The representative of Croatia made a statement in the exercise of the right of reply.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS
Thirteenth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

MONDAY, 4 DECEMBER 1995

50th and 51st meetings

General discussion: "Draft optional protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights" [5]

The Committee held a day of general discussion of the item.

Report of the Committee to the Economic and Social Council [9]

The Committee began its consideration of the item.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Constitution of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, concluded at Vienna on 8 April 1979

Withdrawal: United States of America (4 December 1995)*

International Sugar Agreement, 1992, concluded at Geneva on 20 March 1992

Provisional Application: El Salvador (1 December 1995)*

United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, concluded at Montego Bay, Jamaica, on 10 December 1982

Ratification: Argentina (1 December 1995)*

Agreement relating to the Implementation of Part XI of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982, adopted by the General Assembly on 28 July 1994

Ratification: Argentina (1 December 1995)*

Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks, adopted on 4 August 1995 by the United Nations Conference on Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks

Signature: Argentina, Australia, Bangladesh, Belize, Brazil, Canada, Fiji, Guinea-Bissau, Iceland, Indonesia, Israel, Jamaica, Marshall Islands, Micronesia (Federated States of), Morocco, New Zealand, Niue, Norway, Papua New Guinea, Russian Federation, Samoa, Senegal, Tonga, Ukraine, United Kingdom and Great Britain and Northern Ireland (on behalf of Bermuda, British Indian Ocean Territory, British Virgin Islands, Falkland Islands, Pitcairn Islands, South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands, St. Helena including Ascension Island, and Turks and Caicos Islands), United States of America (4 December 1995)

United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, concluded at New York on 9 May 1992

Ratification: El Salvador (4 December 1995)*

United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification Particularly in Africa, opened for signature at Paris on 14 October 1994

Ratification: Canada (1 December 1995)*

* The date of receipt of the relevant documents.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

In celebration of the International day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People has arranged the screening of a series of films until *today*, Tuesday, 5 December 1995, at 1 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

Today, 5 December 1995, the following will be screened: "Palestine: 1890s to 1990s".

Exhibition

An exhibition presented by the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, in cooperation with the Permanent Observer Mission of Palestine to the United Nations, will be on display in the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building until *today*, 5 December 1995. The exhibition is entitled "Generations".

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Special event

Today, 5 December 1995, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, the new book *International Responses to Traumatic Stress* will be launched.

Brief statements will be made by representatives of the Governments of Norway and the Philippines, and by authors of the various chapters, including representatives of the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Division, the Centre for Human Rights, UNHCR, UNICEF, and the Division for the Advancement of Women. A number of NGO authors will also speak, including those from the World Society of Victimology, the World Federation for Mental Health, the International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies, the International Social Service, the International Rescue Committee and Rutgers University. Speakers from the International Committee of the Red Cross and the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies will also participate. A special guest speaker for the event will be Terry Anderson.

Delegates, staff members, accredited correspondents and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

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Staff Council

There will be a meeting of the Staff Council *today*, 5 December 1995, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The meeting is open to staff members only.

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